

01 TICONA™, a division of Hoechst (Summit, New Jersey) and XYDAR™ commercially available from Amoco Polymers, Inc. located at Alpharetta, Georgia. Additionally, other polymers may be used such as polyetheramides, polycarbonate, polyester with glass fiber, polyester with carbon filler, polyamide with glass fiber, thermoplastic elastomers, *e.g.*, CFLEX™, commercially available from Consolidated Polymer Technology located in Largo, Florida; KRATON™ commercially available from GLS Corporation, Thermoplastic Elastomers Division located in McHenry, Illinois; polyurethane, and SANTOPRENE™ commercially available from Advanced Elastomer Systems located in Akron, Ohio; polyolefins and polyamide with carbon filler. Liquid crystal polymer is the preferred material to be used in this process.

Please amend the specification starting at page 8 line 6 to state:

02 **Figure 3** illustrates one embodiment of the invention for introducing molten polymer into mold 100. The molten polymer is introduced into mold 100 using a variety of known methods such as injection molding, multi-injection molding, co-injection molding, gas assist molding or other suitable method. **Figure 3** illustrates mold 100 including first and second sections 115a and 115b and third section 190 that are mated together. The cavity formed by mold 100 includes tube portion 250 having a beveled distal tip 245, a finger tab portion 270, and a hinge 260 between tube portion 250 and finger tab portion 270, and a safety valve 247. Hinge 260 and tube portion 250 that are formed from this process are hollow. Hinge 260 may also be solid. In one embodiment, the tab portion 220 of the cavity may define a rectangular, cylindrical, spherical or square shaped tab.

IN THE CLAIMS

Presented below are all the amended claims in clean unmarked form. The claims, in marked-up form, are presented as an attachment.